RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FINDINGS REQUIRED BY HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 33445 FOR FUNDING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WEST DOWNTOWN PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Barbara is undertaking certain activities for the planning and execution of redevelopment projects in the Central City Redevelopment Project Area;

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the West Downtown pedestrian corridors will increase safety and add to the attractive environment of the Central City Redevelopment Project Area and the City of Santa Barbara;

WHEREAS, the construction of crosswalks, sidewalk repair, pedestrian lighting, drought tolerant landscaping and other pedestrian amenities will increase the safety and attractiveness of the West Downtown pedestrian corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Agency's funding of the redevelopment of the West Downtown pedestrian corridors will benefit the Central City Redevelopment Project Area by encouraging pedestrian and neighborhood activity in the project area, which increases the vitality of the project area by encouraging economic activity by residents and visitors, encouraging public and private improvements, and eliminating blight and the conditions that lead to blight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The proposed elements of the West Downtown Pedestrian Improvement Project, to be funded by the Redevelopment Agency, are of benefit to the Central City Redevelopment Project area as the improvements will generate additional pedestrian activity by locals and tourists. An increase in these activities improves the vitality of the project area by encouraging economic activity by locals and visitors and will lead to additional public and private improvements, and thereby, eliminate blight and the conditions that lead to blight.

SECTION 2. No other reasonable means of financing the improvements to the West Downtown pedestrian corridors are available.